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FOR: EB/ORF/ICD/TRP -- MR. O'DONNELL
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SUBJECT: COCOA -- ICCO MEETINGS

1. ACCORDING TO GEORGE MUSGROVE, OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE RECENT MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA ORGANIZATION (ICCO), THE MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA COUNCIL ENDED MARCH 18, AS EXPECTED WITH NO AGREEMENT ON A NEW PRICE RANGE. MUSGROVE SAID THAT THE PRODUCERS SUGGESTED A RANGE OF AROUND 75-91 CENTS WHILE THE CONSUMERS COUNTERED WITH A SUGGESTION OF 52-68 CENTS. A WORKING GROUP WILL ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE
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DIFFERENCES AND POSSIBLY POSE A RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION AT THE JUNE-JULY MEETINGS OF THE ICCO.

2. THE COUNCIL ACCEPTED A CONSUMER PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT BODY TO STUDY THE WORLD COCOA ECONOMY, BUT TERMS OF REFERENCE HAVE NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT. IN A PAPER SUBMITTED, CONSUMERS PROPOSED THAT A

SPECIAL MARKETING COMMITTEE BE SET UP WHOSE FUNCTIONS MIGHT INCLUDE: MARKET MONITORING, PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION FORECASTING, PRODUCTION POLICIES AND PLANS, AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION. CONSUMERS ENVISAGE ALSO THAT THE MARKETING COMMITTEE MIGHT LOOK INTO SUCH MATTERS AS FREIGHT, INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, PORT CONGESTION, TAXES, LEVIES AND SUBSTITUTES.

3. IN A PUZZLING DEVELOPMENT MIDWAY THROUGH THE COUNCIL MEETING, EMBOFF RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE CONSUMER SPOKESMAN. HE REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY TWO PRODUCER DELEGATIONS TO EXPLORE THE PRICE DISCUSSIONS ALTHOUGH THE U.S. IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AGREEMENT. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT WHILE HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO REFER ANY FORMAL INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AS AN OBSERVER TO WASHINGTON FOR DECISION, HE SAW NO WAY FOR THE U.S. TO "PARTICIPATE" IN PRICE DISCUSSIONS. NO FURTHER APPROACHES WERE MADE TO EMBASSY.

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